

Six LACDMH Programs Recognized with National Association of Counties Achievement Awards

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Six LACDMH programs were recently honored for their excellence with National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards. The awarded projects all aimed to improve access and quality of LACDMH services for multiple client populations.

In all, 47 Los Angeles County projects were given NACo awards this year, including two Best in Category Awards for its Court Administration & Management and Health Programs. They were collectively praised by the LA County Board of Supervisors at a presentation ceremony during the board meeting on Tuesday, Sept 20, 2016.

The award-winning LACDMH projects—and the program managers who attended the ceremony with Acting Director Robin Kay, Ph.D., are:

- [Access Center Appointment Line, California](#) (Julie Valdez and Michael Tredinnick)
- [Integrated Mobile Health Team \(IMHT\)](#) (Maria Funk and Debbie Innes-Gomberg)

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- [The Consumer-Friendly Access to Computer Resources Projects](#) (Karen Van Sant and Gary Oberholtz)
- [Keeping Recovery Alive – WOW! \(Wellness Outreach Worker Program\)](#) (Scott Hanada)
- [The Medical-Legal Project: Learning Together to Assist Older Adults](#) (Sarah Gelberd)
- [Martin Luther King Jr. Psychiatric Urgent Care Center](#) (Mary Marx and Jacqueline Yu)

This year, LACDMH tied with the Department of Children and Family Services and the County Superior Court for the most NACo awards per department.

The NACo Achievement Awards is an annual program that began in 1970. It recognizes innovative county government initiatives to better serve their constituents across multiple categories.

